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## **CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILES**

A Comprehensive Mini-Biography for

**WILLIAM WIRT DILLARD SR.**

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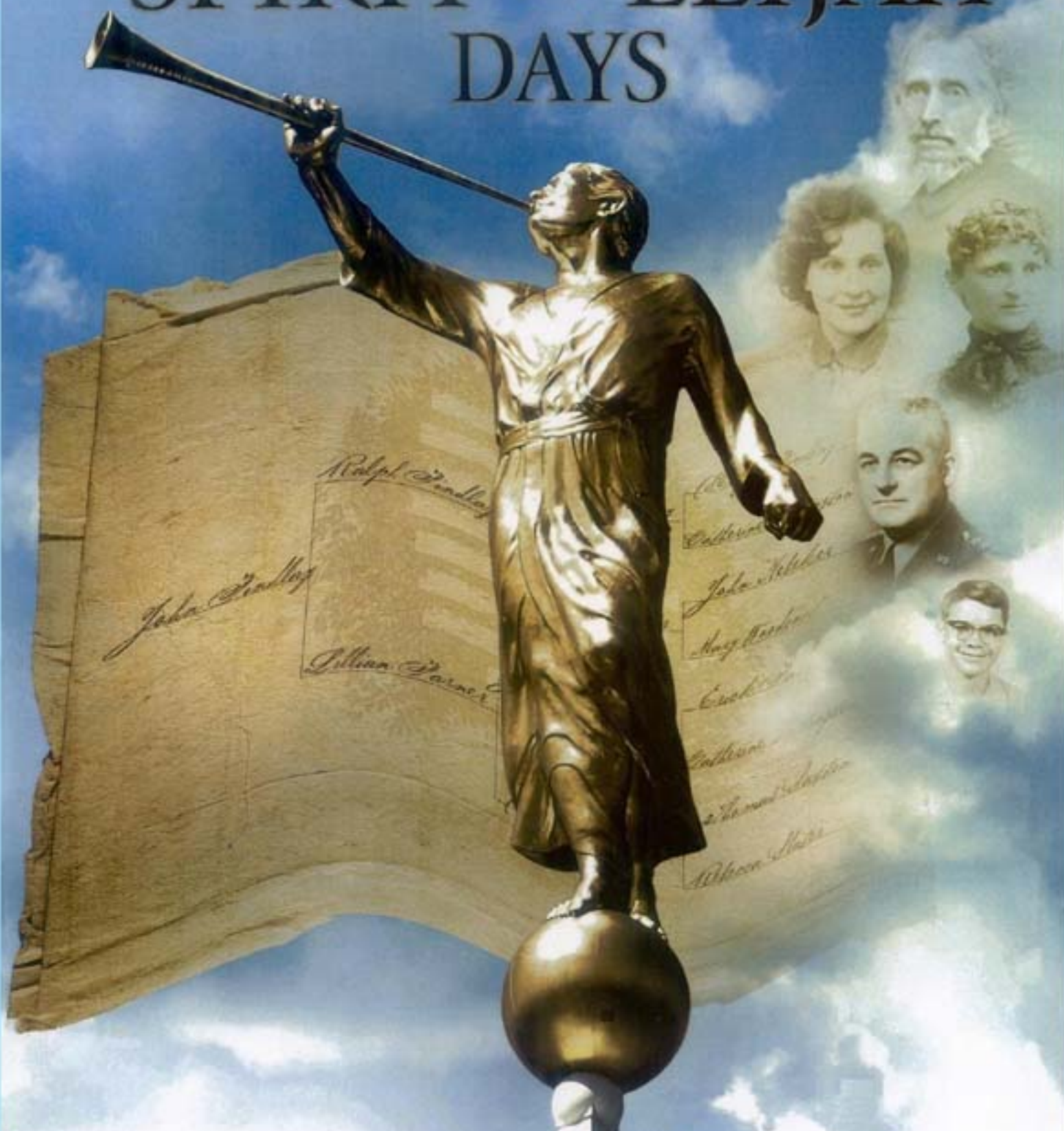
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# SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



**"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6**

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**William Wirt Dillard Sr.**  
**1837-1905 circa 1887 posted by**  
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**1837 Birthblock of William Wirt Dillard Sr. son of James Duval and Emily Ann (TWYMAN) Dillard**

William Wirt Dillard born at the Dillard Plantation, north fork of the Anna River near the Dillard Bridge, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States on 10 November 1837 at 8:15 PM.

Date from the 1840 census states he was born 1836-1840.

Date from the 1850 census states he was born 1837 in Virginia.

Date from the 1860 census states he was born 1838 in Virginia.

Date from the 1870 census states he was born

Date from the 1875 Kansas State Census Collection states he was born 1838 in Virginia.

Date from the 1880 census states he was born 1838 in Virginia.

Date from the 1885 Kansas State Census Collection states he was born 1837 in Virginia.

Date from the 1890 Veteran's census states he was born

Date from the 1895 Kansas State Census Collection states he was born 1838 in Virginia.

Date from the 1900 census states he was born November 1837 in Virginia.

Date from the 1905 Kansas State Census Collection states he was born 1839 in Virginia.

Date from the death certificate states he was born

Date from a newspaper death notice states he was born

Date from the funeral home records states he was born

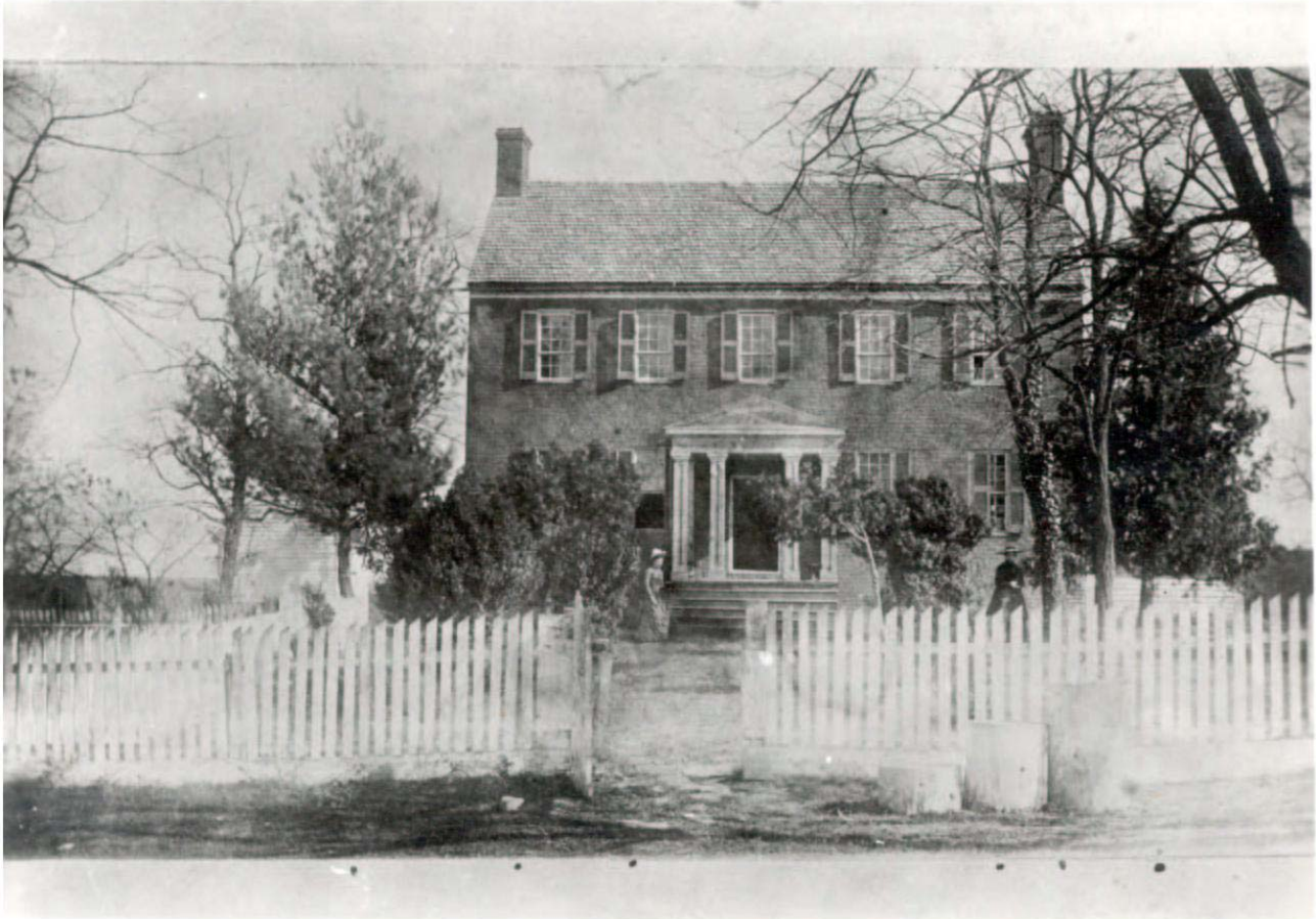
Date from the headstone states he was born Dec. 10, 1837.

Date from the obituary states he was born



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The Dillard homestead named Aspen Grove in Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Posted by Bonnie Katheen (BACH) Pratt

**THE JAMES DUVAL DILLARD HOMESTEAD**

This house named Aspen Grove where the Dillards lived and where William Wirt was born. This is the area where he and Hazeltine went home to with relatives in 1904. His mother; Emily (**TWYMAN**) Dillard had already died in 1880.

On the left of the house is the garden, white pine tree, arbor vitae tree. The parlor window is open. Estella is standing behind the fence on left, front porch, English ivy on locust tree. William's sister; Mary Walker (**DILLARD**) standing by the steps. Italian arbor vitae and locust tree. A mile or so to the left is the lake. The house faced west.

This house burned in 1896. Aunt Charlotte, a former slave, discovered the fire. She lived down a hill back of the house (evidently the slaves quarters). The house was rebuilt 1898. In front of the picket fence is the horseback mounting blocks. A flagstone path led from the gate to the porch and was still there in 1992, but the house was razed in 1991, a year before I got there.



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**The James Duval Dillard homestead the southside and back of the Dillard family home in Spottsylvania Co, VA. Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt**

The Southside and back of the James Duval Dillard family home named Aspen Grove in Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania County, Virginia. Left is Italian arbor vita tree, Aunt Charlotte, Estelle, the little black one on basement steps is Mary Ann, Nanni, Raleigh born 1877, locust tree, Mary Walker (**DILLARD**), rose bush under chamber window (bathroom), Fido, pigeon house.

The back yard sloped down the hill, where the slaves' quarters were. In 1896 a fire damaged the house one night. Aunt Charlotte, still living down the hill, came running up to awaken the sleeping family. The damage was repaired in 1898, the house stood until about 1991 when the county razed it - just a year before I got there to see it.

The Dillards were in charge of the county road that ran past their farm and the bridge across the Pamunkey River on the north side of their land. From the river it was 2 miles to the Twyman farm & store.

Today the massive concrete bridge over the (now) Pamunkey fork of the Lake Anna Dam & Reservoir, south of Belmont, Virginia is still called the Dillard Bridge. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt



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**The Dillard Bridge over Indian Creek, or the North Anna River in Spottsylvania County, Virginia. posted by Bonnie Kaathleen (BACH) Pratt**

**THE DILLARD BRIDGE IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

The Dillard Bridge over Indian Creek, or the North Anna River, which is a tributary of the York River, which runs into the south end of Chesapeake Bay.

Today, this is a fork of the Lake Anna Dam & Reservoir, Spotsylvania Co, Va. At this angle, you are in a boat facing west.

The Dillard homestead was on the left bank from where you are.

The Twyman farm, store and Maple Grove Baptist Church are 2 miles to the right on Hwy 217, north towards Belmont. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt



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**The Maple Grove Baptist Church sign near the Twyman's Post Office and store. Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt**

At the Twyman homestead, George Twyman IV donated 2 acres and helped construct the Maple Grove Baptist Church facing west. It is on the north edge of his land, across a dirt trace from his farm field where the family burial plot lay.

The graveyard, 20x20', is surrounded by a 4' concrete wall. It has many broken stones with one good stone plus broken tree limbs, which have been thrown, in there.

The church is about 200 ft back down the dirt road from the county blacktop highway 271.

At the NE corner of the blacktop Hwy 271 and dirt crossroad (that would be behind the church) are molding wooden timbers evidence and remains of a building that was once the famous Twyman General Store and US Post Office. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt



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**The Maple Grove Baptist Church near the Twyman's Post Office and store circa 1992. Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt**

Maple Grove Baptist Church, still solid but not used for services. Seen at dusk, this front entry faces west. Behind it just to the right of the photo is the privy. 100 feet farther back is the old Twyman General Store and U S Post Office timbers.

William W Dillard worked in his Grandfather George Buford Twyman 2<sup>nd</sup>'s store. Here he overheard the Union officers discuss battle plans, which he later told to the Confederate Army.

A large battle was fought and lost by the South. After the war, due to the devastation and poor economic conditions, forced William and his family to go west to Kansas. Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt



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**Mount Herman Baptist Church, near Apsen Grove, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. The Dillard's were one of the founding families. circa 1976 posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt**

Mt Herman Baptist Church, founded in 1814. One of the founders was the Dillard Family near their Aspen Grove Plantation, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. This Church still in use as of 1976. This building must have been south of the Dillard home.

**1840 Federal Census age 3**

Berkeley Township, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States, page 91

**DILLARD**, James 22001001 0020001

free white males 4 & under [William age 3]; 4 & under [??]; 5-9 [Thomas D. age 6]; 5-9 [Thornhill age 9]; 20-29 [George age 18] 50-59 [James age 54]

free white females 10-14 [Mary age 11]; 10-14 [Anna M. age 14]; 40-49 [Emily age 44]

**1850 Federal Census age 13**

Eastern District, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States, page 409a, 28 November 1850, line 23, house 51, family 51

**DILLARD**, James w m 64; Emily w f 54; George B. w m 28; Anna M. w f 24; Thornhill T. w m 19; Thomas F. w m 16; William W. w m 13

[All born in Virginia. James is a farmer and owns 4000 acres, George is a physician, and Thornhill is a farmer. Daughter; Mary is on line 29 living with the John Gardner family.]



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**1854 Death of father; James Duval Dillard**

James Duval Dillard died at the Aspen Grove Farm, Mount Herman, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States on 20 June 1854.

**1860 Federal Census age 23**

Twyman's Store Post Office, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States  
**DILLARD**, Emily T. w f 64; Ann M. w f 33; Mary W. w f 31; Thos D. w m 29; Wm M. w m 22  
[All born in Virginia. They are farmers. They have \$7000 real estate.]

**1861 Military Participation**

**[1]** American Civil War Soldiers

Name: Wirt Dillard Enlistment Date: 4 Jul 1861 Enlistment Place: Spotsylvania County, Virginia Side Served: Confederacy State Served: Virginia Sources: 21

**[2]** U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865

Name: William W Dillard Residence: Virginia Rank at enlistment: Private State Served: Virginia Survived the War?: Yes Service Record: Enlisted in Company E, Virginia 51st Infantry Regiment. Description: height: 5 ft. 8 in., ruddy complexion, gray eyes, and brown hair. Sources: The Virginia Regimental Histories Series

**Family Recollections**

Family records per granddaughter; Helen (**GRIFFITH**) Lapp, daughter of Irene (**DILLARD**) Griffith, holds family records to wit: William Wirt had a mercantile operation & bought & manufactured tobacco in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, VA and later in Fort Scott, Kansas. Consequently, because he lived in Southern territory, farmed tobacco and owned slaves, his Civil War sympathies were with the South. He posed as a loyal Northern sympathizer, while passing information secretly to the Southern forces. He would lie in the tall grasses along the riverbank and watch the Northern forces bring in supplies for their troops. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

**1861 Kansas admitted to the United States**

Kansas was admitted to the United States as a slave-free state on January 29, 1861, making it the 34th state to enter the Union. By that time the violence in Kansas had largely subsided, but during the Civil War, on August 21, 1863, William Quantrill led several hundred men on a raid into Lawrence, destroying much of the city and killing nearly 200 people. Both the conventional confederate military and the partisan rangers commissioned by the Missouri legislature roundly condemned Quantrill. After the Civil War, the population of Kansas grew rapidly when waves of immigrants turned the prairie into farmland.

**1866 Marriage of William Wirt Dillard and Margaret "Maggie" Baynham (SPINDLE) daughter of Mordecai Lewis and Frances M. (DICKENSON) Spindle**

William Wirt Dillard and Margaret "Maggie" Baynham (**SPINDLE**) were married in Caroline County, Virginia, United States on 10 December 1866.

**[1]** Certified copy of Marriage License, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Record is in Spotsylvania Co., VA. Courthouse. I saw it. Marriage record shows Margaret's father's name. Caroline County, VA marriage records show her mother. Family records, letters in the possession of Helen (**GRIFFITH**) Lapp.



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After the Civil War, in 1866 he married Margaret Spindle, had two daughters, and then went west to Fort Scott, KS, leaving Margaret with the girls and with her family in Va. He homesteaded a small farm in Kansas by the Merrimac & Monitor Rivers. In two years she joined him, traveling by train to Kansas City with their two young daughters, and accompanied by her brother Tommie Spindle. A letter home relates how she watched for William Wirt's open wagon approaching, from the upper floor of the US Post Office building in KC, which had been an Indian fort constructed with tall narrow windows used for the garrison to fire guns through during Indian attacks.

She stood on a chair to peer out the tall window to see William Wirt coming to get her in an open wagon. When their farm flooded out they moved to town- Fort Scott. William Wirt started a general store. He grew, dried and sold tobacco. They employed about 18 people, some making hand rolled cigars. Farmers brought surplus produce to the store. The family ate well & canned the surplus grocery items so they would not spoil. One or two of the older daughters had extra schooling after high school. Mother Maggie was very kind & sympathetic to black people there, because she had known them in the south.

James Evart, Hazel's older brother, had some drug store training & lived for a time at Virginia City, Nevada. He lived with the Fred Leiner family in East Saint Louis in the 1920's, working in Saint Louis for Blackwell-Wielandy Book & Stationery Company. After his divorce from Daisy Cadlemon he never remarried.

Aunt Fannie; Frances "Fannie" Todd (**DILLARD**) stayed at home helping her mother & sacrificed her high school education. Later she worked in a dry goods store in Kansas City, later married Daniel W. "Dan" Bower and later lived in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Hazel could do office work. Aunt Maude & husband Arthur Requa lived in the family home turned parsonage for a time, and cared for father William Wirt as long as possible, until he got to unruly. Then they homesteaded in Idaho in a sod house where they died.

I have little info on Wirt Jr., Emily Twyman (**DILLARD**) or Mary "Mame" Walker (**DILLARD**).

William's wife preceded him in death. Six daughters are mentioned in his will, filed in Ft Scott, Bourbon County, KS, 1905. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

**1867 Childbirth of daughter; Emily Twyman (DILLARD)**

Emily Twyman (**DILLARD**) was born near Twyman's Store Post Office, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States on 7 November 1867.

**1869 Childbirth of daughter; Frances "Fannie" Todd (DILLARD)**

Frances "Fannie" Todd (**DILLARD**) was born near Twyman's Store Post Office, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States on 2 July 1869.

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**1869-1870 Family Move**

From Aspen Grove Plantation near Twyman's Store Post Office, Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States to First Ward Fort Scott City, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States

**Research Note**

After the Civil War, the old Virginia plantations were devastated. The crops were destroyed; the slaves had left or were going to leave. The finances of the landowners were decimated and the territory was burdened with heavy taxes and no means of earning a living. If you managed to hang on your business, the locals did not have any money to spend to purchase your products.

The newly formed state of Kansas appealed to many eastern displaced farmer, pioneer, and/or entrepreneur. This was the reason William Wirt Dillard left his wife, Margaret and their small children and moved to Fort Scott, Kansas circa 1869-1870. First, trying his hand at farming until a flood wiped him out, forcing him to seek a living in the city of Fort Scott, Kansas.

Utilizing his hard earned skills, William began a mercantile store and produced tobacco to fill the needs of the local citizenry. Leaving Margaret with her family, he became so successful within two years she joined him, traveling by train to Kansas City with their two small children and her brother; Tommie Spindle. A letter home relates how she watched from the second floor of the US Post Office building in KC, standing on a chair to peer out the tall window and see William Wirt coming to her in an open wagon. In Fort Scott, William Wirt ran a general store and grew, dried and sold tobacco. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

**1870 Federal Census age 33**

**1870 Childbirth of daughter; Mary "Mame" Walker (DILLARD)**

Mary "Mame" Walker (**DILLARD**) was born near First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on July 1870.

**1872 Childbirth of son; James Everett Dillard**

James Everett Dillard was born near First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on 1 December 1872.

**1875 Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925**

Name: W. W. Dellard Census Date: 1 Mar 1875 Residence County: Bourbon Residence State: Kansas Locality: Fort Scott Birth Place: Virginia Line 18, Family Number: 6 Gender: Male Age: 37 Birth Year: abt 1838 Race: White Household Member(s): **DELLARD**, W.[William] W.[Wirt] w m 37; M.[Margaret] B.[Baynham] w f 21; E.[Emily] T.[Twyman] w f 7; Fanny F.[Todd] w f 6; Mary W.[Walker] w f 4; J.[James] E.[Everet] w m 2; **DAWEN**, Maris w f 1yr 9months; **RATICAR**, S. E. w m 28; M. E. w f 26; J. E. w m 2

[William, Margaret, Emily and Fanny born in Virginia, the rest of the Dillards born in Kansas. William is a tobacconists.]



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**1875 Childbirth of daughter; Maude Margaret (DILLARD)**

Maude Margaret (DILLARD) was born near First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on 1 May 1875.

**1879 Childbirth of son; William Wirt Dillard Jr.**

William Wirt Dillard Jr. was born near First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on 22 November 1879

**1880 Federal Census age 43**

First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States, page 197b, no date, line 14, house 551, family 594

**DILLARD**, Wirt W. head w m 42; Margaret wife w f 35; Emily dau w f 12; Fannie dau w f 11; Mary dau w f 10; Evart son w m 7; Maud dau w f 5; Wirt son w m 1

[All born in Virginia, as were their parents except Mary and younger children born in Kansas. William keeps Tobacco Factory.]



**The William Wirt Dillard Sr. home at 302 South Judson,  
Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States**

The Dillard family home, at 302 South Judson, Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas. Located at the corner of 3rd & Judson. The house specifically was built for the Dillards. William Wirt lived there until he died in 1905.

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Then they sold the property to Maude Margaret (**DILLARD**) Requa's church for the parsonage for her spouse; Rev Arthur J Requa and family. Hazel continued to live here until her marriage.

The Dillard Family photo was taken in the parlor of this house when Hazel was a baby around 1887. This photo taken by me; Bonnie in March 1982.



**William Wirt Dillard Sr home at 302 South Judson, Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas on 3rd Street side posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt**

William Wirt Dillard family home at 302 South Judson, Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas. This is the 3rd Street side view. This porch off the living room was on the east side of the house. Hazel was born here and married in Fort Scott. Her father; William Wirt Dillard Sr. had died in 1905.

**1880 Death of mother; Emily Ann (TWYMAN) Dillard**

Emily Ann (**TWYMAN**) Dillard died in Livingston District, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, United States on 18 September 1880.

**1881 Childbirth of daughter; D. Irene (DILLARD)**

D. Irene (**DILLARD**) was born near First Ward Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on 7 April 1881.



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**1885 Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925**

Name: W. W. Dillard Census Date: 1 Mar 1885 Residence County: Bourbon Residence State: Kansas Locality: Fort Scott Birth Place: Virginia Marital Status: Married Gender: Male Age: 47 Birth Year: abt 1838 Race: White Household Member(s): **DILLARD, W.**[William] **W.**[Wirt] w m 48; M.[Margaret] B.(Baynham) wife w f 41; E.[Emily] T.[Twyman] w f 17; F.[Frances] T[Todd]. w f 16; M.[Mary] W.[Walker] w f 13; J.[James] E.[Everett] w m 12; M.[Maude] M.[Margaret] w f 10; W.[William] W.[Wirt] w m 8; D. I.[Irene] w f 5  
[William, Margaret, Emily and Fanny were born in Virginia the rest in Kansas. William is a tobacconist.]

**1885 Childbirth of daughter; Hazelton "Hazel" Marye (DILLARD)**

Hazelton "Hazel" Marye (**DILLARD**) was born in Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States on 21 September 1885.

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William Wirt Dillard Sr Family circa 1887 L2R Emily Twyman (DILLARD) (named after her mother's mother); William Wirt Dillard Jr.; James Everet Dillard; Margaret Baynham (SPINDLE) Dillard holding baby; #5 Hazeltine Marye (DILLARD), my grandmother, born 21 Sept 1885; standing Mary Walker (DILLARD) ("Mame") named after her great grandmother; William Wirt Dillard Sr; Irene (DILLARD); Maude Margaret (DILLARD); Frances "Fannie" Todd (DILLARD) who worked in a dry goods store with Jesse Harper-Fred Leiner's aunt. Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt 2015

**William Wirt Dillard Sr Family circa 1887**

L2R Emily Twyman (**DILLARD**) (named after her mother's mother); William Wirt Dillard Jr.; James Everet Dillard; Margaret Baynham (**SPINDLE**) Dillard holding baby; #5 Hazeltine Marye (**DILLARD**), my grandmother, born 21 Sept 1885; standing Mary Walker (**DILLARD**) ("Mame") named after her great grandmother; William Wirt Dillard Sr; Irene (**DILLARD**); Maude Margaret (**DILLARD**); Frances "Fannie" Todd (**DILLARD**) who worked in a dry goods store with Jesse Harper-Fred Leiner's aunt.

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**1895 Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925**

Name: W. W. Dillard Census Date: 1 Mar 1895 Residence County: Bourbon Residence State: Kansas Locality: Fort Scott Birth Place: Virginia Family Number: 132 Gender: Male Age: 57 Birth Year: abt 1838 Race: White Spouse's Name: M B Dillard Household Member(s): **DILLARD, W.[William] W.[Wirt] w m 57**; M.[Margaret] B.(Baynham) wife w f 50; Fanne dau w f 25; Mary dau w f 24; Evadel son w m 22; Maud dau w f 20; Wirt son w m 16; Irene dau w f 14; Hazel dau w f 9 [William, Margaret, Emily and Fanny were born in Virginia the rest in Kansas. William is a tobacconist.]

**1896 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: William W Dillard Residence Year: 1896 Street address: 302 s Judson Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Occupation: Grocer And Mfr Tobacco Publication Title: Fort Scott, Kansas, City Directory, 1896

**1897 US, Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959**

Name: William W. Dillard Birth Place: Virginia Residence Date: 1 Jul 1897 Station or Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Year: 1897 Title: Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States Volume: Volume 1

**1899 US, Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959**

Name: William W. Dillard Birth Place: Virginia Residence Date: 1 Jul 1899 Station or Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Year: 1899 Title: Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States Volume: Volume 1

**1899 Temporary Move**

From Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States to Grant Township, Neosho County, Kansas, United States

**1899 Death of spouse; Margaret "Maggie" Baynham (SPINDLE) Dillard**

Margaret "Maggie" Baynham (**SPINDLE**) Dillard died in Kimbal, Neosho County, Kansas, United States on 26 April 1899.

**Research Note**

It is unclear if William bought the house in Grant Township before his spouse died in April or after she died. Checking the Neosho County deeds might reveal his purchased date. Son-in-law; Rev. Arthur J. Requa's church purchased this house from William when William returned to 302 South Judson in Fort Scott. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

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**1900 Federal Census age 63**

Grant Township, Neosho County, Kansas, United States, page 121a, 6 June 1900, line 46, house 67, family 68

**DILLARD**, William head w m born November 1837 age 62; Fannie C. dau w f born January 1872 age 28; Hazel M. dau w f born May 1887 age 13

All were born in Virginia, as were their parents. William was a manufactory of tobacco and farmer. They owned this home. William is a widower.]

**1901 US, Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959**

Name: William W. Dillard Birth Place: Virginia Residence Date: 1 Jul 1901 Station or Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Year: 1901 Title: Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States Volume: Volume 1

**1903 US, Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959**

Name: William W. Dillard Birth Place: Virginia Residence Date: 1 Jul 1903 Station or Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Year: 1903 Title: Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States Volume: Volume 1

**1904 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: William W Dillard Residence Year: 1904 Street address: 302 Judson Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Publication Title: Fort Scott, Kansas, City Directory, 1904

**1905 Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925**

Name: W. W. Dillard Census Date: 1 Mar 1905 Residence County: Bourbon Residence State: Kansas Locality: Fort Scott Ward 2 Birth Place: Virginia Family Number: 423 Gender: Male Age: 66 Birth Year: abt 1839 Race: White Household Member(s): **DILLARD**, W. W. head w m 66; Fannie dau w f 31; Irena dau w f 24; Hazel dau w f 19; Jas R. w m 81

[William, Fannie and James R. born in Virginia, the rest in Kansas. William is a tobacco dealer.]

**1905 Family Trip to Visit Relatives in Virginia**

In March 1905, daughter; Hazelton Marye (**DILLARD**) who had just graduated from High School, and a proud father; William Wirt Dillard Sr. wanting to introduce his daughter to some of the "old" folks back on the plantation in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

William decided to take her by train via Washington, DC, to visit their relatives. During the trip he succumbed to heat stroke and became very sick. On his return trip he was very weak physically and his condition grew worse suffering from a nervous disorder.

Due to his illness he had developed an increasing irrational mental condition over a three-year period displaying signs of paranoia, senile debility and fear the Negroes would rise up in rebellion against the whites.



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Several of his relatives and in-laws offered and rendered medical service on his behalf but his condition deteriorated to the point, they needed professional help.

On May 12, 1905, they admitted him to the Osawatomie State Hospital, Osawatomie, Miami County, Kansas for care and assistance. The Osawatomie State Hospital is a psychiatric hospital established in 1855. It has been named "Kansas Insane Asylum" and the "State Insance Asylum" but was officially changed to its present name in 1901.

Shortly, after a few weeks, William Wirt Dillard Sr. died from his condition on the 30th of May 1905. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

**1905 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: William W Dillard Residence Year: 1905 Street address: 302 S Judson Residence Place: Fort Scott, Kansas, USA Occupation: Tobacco Mnfr Publication Title: Fort Scott, Kansas, City Directory, 1905

**1905 Death of William Wirt Dillard Sr.**

William Wirt Dillard Sr. died in the Osawatomie State Hospital, Osawatomie, Miami County, Kansas, United States on 30 May 1905.

**[1]** Osawatomie State Hospital is a psychiatric hospital established in 1855. It has been named "Kansas Insane Asylum" and the "State Insance Asylum" but was officially changed to its present name in 1901

**[2]** By complications of sunstroke and loss of reasoning, Osawatomie State Hospital, Miami Co, KS.

**[3]** Probate records, Bourbon County, KS, show WW Dillard, died at Osawatomie State Hospital, on May 30, 1905, having been confined there since May 12th, for Exhaustion Acute Mania, brought on by sunstroke. His illness of three months began in March 1905 when he took a trip to Washington, DC, with dau. Hazeltine. During the trip he was very sick and on his return he was very weak physically from sunstroke and he grew worse and in a very nervous condition. He had been three years developing an increasing irrational condition, senile debility and fear that the Negroes would rise up in rebellion against the whites.

**1905 Kansas, Fraternal Order Death Index, 1873-1969**

Name: W. W. Dillard Residence Place: Fort Scott, Bourbon Co. Death Date: 30 May 1905 Notes: AOUW Lodge No. 25

**1905 Burial of William Wirt Dillard**

Evergreen Cemetery, Route 5, Box 64, Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States

**[1]** Cemetery records show birth date, marriage certificate shows place of birth: marriage certificate, filled Virginia vital records archives, Richmond, Va. shows date, residency, occupation, both parents names. Ks state census, 1895, shows family with eight children. Probate records, Bourbon County, KS, 1905, show death particulars.

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**Find A Grave Memorial# 78223991 Created by: Dee Billings-Gonzales Record added: Oct 11, 2011**

W. W. Dillard Birth: Dec. 10, 1837 Death: May 30, 1905 Family links: Children: Mary Walker Dillard Michel (1872 - 1930) Burial: Evergreen Cemetery Fort Scott Bourbon County Kansas, USA



Headstone for William Wirt Sr. and Margaret  
"Maggie" Baynham (SPINDLE) Dillard located at  
the Evergreen Cemetery, Route 5, Box 64, Fort  
Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, United States.  
Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt



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Granddaughter; Helen (**GRIFFITH**) Lapp, daughter of Irene (**DILLARD**) Griffith, holds family records to wit: William Wirt had a mercantile operation Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, VA. He lived in southern territory, farmed tobacco and owned slaves, so his sympathies were with the south. He posed as a loyal Northerner while passing information about the Northern forces secretly to the south. After the war, in 1866 he married, had two daughters, and went west to Fort Scott, KS, leaving Margaret with her family. In two years she joined him, traveling by train to Kansas City with their two small children and accompanied by her brother; Tommie Spindle.

A letter home relates how she watched from the second floor of the US Post Office building in KC, standing on a chair to peer out the tall window and see William Wirt coming to her in an open wagon. In Fort Scott, William Wirt ran a general store and grew, dried and sold tobacco. His wife, his two sons and one of six daughters seem to have preceded him in death: five daughters are mentioned in his will. Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt

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The following are excerpts from the book, **Enid Leiner..."That's my Story and I'm Sticking To It"** © 2002 2015 2nd Edition by *Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt F.H.C.* The following comments are in reference to the William Wirth Dillard family portrait circa 1887.

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*"William Wirt Dillard Sr Family circa 1887 R2L Emily Twyman (**DILLARD**) (named after her mother's mother); William Wirt Dillard Jr.; James Everet Dillard; Margaret Baynham (**SPINDLE**) Dillard holding baby; #5 Hazeltine Marye (**DILLARD**), my grandmother, born 21 Sept 1885; standing Mary Walker (**DILLARD**) ("Mame") named after her great grandmother; William Wirt Dillard Sr.; Irene (**DILLARD**); Maude Margaret (**DILLARD**); Frances "Fannie" Todd (**DILLARD**) who worked in a dry goods store with Jesse Harper-Fred Leiner's aunt. Posted by Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt 2015 In 1867, William Wirt left Margaret in Virginia, and went to build them a new life in Kansas. He had managed the family business, the Twyman General Store & U.S. post office, before & during the Civil War. Northern officers gathered there to discuss battle plans; William Wirt would eavesdrop & pass the Northern strategy to the Southern forces. After the war, times were very hard & even worse for a Southern spy. William Wirt had good reason to leave.*

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*In Kansas, he opened a mercantile, raised a small shock of tobacco, and was the weatherman for Fort Scott. After 2 years, Maggie brought their 2 daughters by train to Kansas City, with the help of her older brother, Tommy Spindle.*

*While awaiting William Wirt, she took lodging in rooms above the post office. The building was heavy stone and the windows were tall and narrow, having been built as an Indian fort.*

*She had to stand on a chair to peek out to see William coming up the dusty road to fetch her and the little girls in an open wagon. He took them by wagon to Fort Scott and in time built a sturdy brick home at 302 Judson.*

*Margaret was kind to the Negroes in Kansas, having known so many dear ones in Virginia. Her letters show she missed her mother greatly.*

*In her final years, Margaret developed severe headaches and went to a rest home, a farm near Kimball in Neosho County, Kansas. There she died in April 1899. Hazel was under 14 years old when her mother died and she missed her mother greatly.*

*Fred's aunt and Hazel's sister worked together in a dry goods store in Saint Louis. They encouraged Fred and Hazel to correspond.*

*In 1904 William Wirt, her daddy, finally took Hazel, now 21, by train to the Saint Louis World's Fair, to meet Fredric Leiner. Afterwards William and Hazelton went to Virginia to see her roots.*

*William Wirt became ill during the journey and was later diagnosed with "sunstroke" or "heat exhaustion". He never fully recovered. Symptoms are fever of 107 to 110 degrees, profuse sweating, fainting, nausea and delirium.*

*William developed a "debilitating weakness and nervousness", according to the medical records of Scott County court. The papers show he worried that the, "Negroes would rise up & kill us all".*

*The family cared for him as long as able in his Fort Scott home. Then he was committed to the state facility for mental care. He died at Osawatimie State Hospital, Miami County, Kansas, in May 1905." Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) Pratt*

**Email sent to Suzanne "Sue" (HOOD) Debow 26 Jan 2012**

Yes, I've been to the Twyman store. In Spots Co, Va. there is a new lake & dam on the Anna River. The main tributaries are the North Anna River (barely a creek) & South Anna River. Nearly bone dry in the summer, the mountain freshets flooded much lowland in the early spring. Thus the need for the state to build the dam.

This westward facing Y of the 2 rivers, this Y is where the Dillard homestead stood until 1991 when it's crumbling remains was razed. Sadly, I got there a year later. Located about 1.5 miles north of the crossroads of SR 612 at SR 719 called Holliday Junction, off the main 2 lane paved county road, on the original crushed gravel farm road, stood the proud 2 story brick house with various



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trees and bushes, a white picket fence, large flagstone walk, a horse mounting block outside the gate. Around back a covered shed area for wood storage, laundry, summer cooking. On down the hill in back were the slaves quarters, garden, etc.

The paved road travels on northward to the "Dillard Bridge", a new concrete 2-lane structure over the North Fork of the Anna.

Two miles north of the farm, built on the corner of SR 719 and 652, just south of Belmont, Va., stood the Twyman farm, General Store and Post Office and a little one-room church. The rotting timbers of the front step of the store/post office remained in 1992.

During the Civil War, the Union Army would bivouac in the area. The Union officers invaded the warm store to munch crackers and garden vegetables, play checkers, intercept the mail and generally harass young William Wirt, who worked as clerk for his relative (not sure yet if relationship was father-in-law or uncle by marriage). Note: he was a storekeeper in Virginia prior to the war, before going to Kansas to attempt farming, then ran a store and grow tobacco for sale in his store. There is another Location in Virginia called Twyman Mills. This is an offshoot, not our direct line. Love Bonnie 1/26/12

**From: Suzanne (HOOD) Debow [suzannedebow@mindspring.com](mailto:suzannedebow@mindspring.com) January 26, 2012**

Subject: RE: Greetings from down under

Dear Bonnie:

So good to hear from you -- haven't had a chance to digest all of your e-mail message but will respond to it later, all of that sounds so interesting -- but I am now attaching the scan of yesterday (it has links) which, in my dementia, I forgot to attach! The only other thing I can think of to say is that Wm Wirt's mother's family, the Twyman's, had land in Northern Virginia -- farm land/tobacco and Twyman's Corners is there, or used to be (a little general store). Uncle Fred has told me about it and I would love to go there. Not that there is probably anything left. More later, Love, Sue P.S. So glad you are doing well after your surgery, didn't know about that, S

**From: Bonnie Pratt to Suzanne (HOOD) Debow January 26, 2012**

To: [Suzannedebow@mindspring.com](mailto:Suzannedebow@mindspring.com)

Subject: Greetings from down under

First, so good to hear from you. We are well. I had a right breast biopsy 2 years ago and a lefty this month: 2 benign fibroid cysts. Surgery is fascinating. I am 17 days past and have no pain.

Second, Tom has sooo many people he e-mails, he has asked me to request you e-mail to me at [bonniepratt1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bonniepratt1@tampabay.rr.com) . Please copy your web address where your notes are and e-mail me the site. The notes did not attach to your e-mail. Thanks.

So, I was laid off work March 1, 2011 and continue to search for the right spot. I have changed from full to part time inclinations. Guess I am semi-retired. Was glad to be home to rest after surgery.

Thanks so much for the Hazel Dillard info. I had gotten the General story from mom. She mostly declined to discuss family. Maybe because she didn't listen well when her aunts talked. You mentioned the Dillards were from northern Virginia?

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Hazel's Dad, William Wirt was born on the family farm, Berkley Parish '96 one of the three divisions of Spotsylvania County. Helen (**GRIFFITH**) Lapp sent me pictures of the house, which I recorded in my family CD.

William Wirt's dad, James Duval Dillard fought in the War of 1812 in Spotsylvania Co. His wife, Emily (**TWYMAN**) Dillard filed in 1854 for Government Pension. She was still living in Spots Co in the 1880 census.

Dates and ages fit for James D to be the son of Thomas Dillard (Jr) in the 1810 Spotsylvania census and 1830, 1840, and in the 1850 census, where they are all named. Thomas Dillard (Sr) left land in Berkley Parish, Spots Co to children at his death 1774.

In Nov 1781, William Dillard of North Carolina deeded land, which had belonged to their father, Thos Dillard, to brother Thomas Dillard. In April of 1783, Thomas and brother Richard deeded land in Spots Co, which had belonged to their father Thomas Dillard. Looks like the family had been in Spots Co since before it became Spots Co. 1820-1821 created from Essex, King & Queen, King William Counties.

I have John Dillard of England, son George b.1634 England. Came to Jamestown, James City County, Virginia 1650.

Son Edward 1680-1757 Will- Middlesex Co. 1757.

Son Thomas 1704-1774 Spots Co.

Son Thomas 1749- alive in 1810 census, Spots Co.

Son James Duval 1786-1854. Son William Wirt 1837-1905.

Did I misunderstand? Who came from northern Virginia? Maybe the Spindles or Twymans?

Margaret Baynham (where did this name come from) (**SPINDLE**) 's daddy, Mordacai Lewis Spindle was born abt 1813 Essex County, will filed Middlesex Co 1857. 1850 census Middlesex co. 1840 census Caroline Co. He moved in the 1840s.

His daddy Mordecai Redd Spindle 1774-1834 born & died Essex Co.

John (Jr) Spindle is listed in 1790 Tax Enumerations in Essex Co. Also land records of Caroline Co 1771 & 1787 Land Tax Lists. Died 1803.

\*\*\*It is his daddy, John Spindle (Sr) 1723-1783 who was indicted for theft of a feather bed, 2 pillows, a quilt, clothing, property of Benjamin Cook on the ship Isabella and transported to the colonies **AT AGE 10**. 29 April 1732 see <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>

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**John Spindle, Theft > theft from a specified place, 25th May 1732.**

**Reference Number:** t17320525-15

**Offence:** [Theft](#) > [theft from a specified place](#)

**Verdict:** [Guilty](#) > [theft under 1s](#)

**Punishment:** [Transportation](#)

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23. John **Spindle** was indicted for stealing a Feather Bed, 2 Pillows, a Quilt, a Coat, a Waistcoat, a Jacket, and 2 Cotton Shirts, the Goods of Benjamin Cook , in the Ship call'd the Isabella , the 29th of April last. Guilty 10 d.

I have in my records that Emily (**TWYMAN**) was born in Spots Co. Her dad George Buford Twyman (Jr) was born in Albemarle Co, son of George Buford Twyman Sr. and Mary A (**WALKER**). Her mom Ann (**TWYMAN**), 1st cousin to her dad, is from Culpepper Co. Dau of William & Winifred (**COWHERD**) Twyman.

George Buford & William are brothers, sons of George & Aggatha (**BUFORD**) Twyman.  
Buford or Beaufort is the royal line connecting us to ADAM.

I am always looking for documentation. Please send it all. Melanie said to call you about my surgery. She is well after knee surgery. Got a card from Mike at Christmas. We are so glad to be away from the snow. It's so beautiful for about 10 minutes. Our temp was 84 yesterday '96 January is our cold month. Hope the tornados missed you. Love Bonnie & Tom



# Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) F.H.C. Pedigree Chart by Bonnie Katheleen (BACH) Pratt F.H.C.

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## 2 Robert "Bob" Louis Bach

b. 25 January 1917  
p. Bartelso, Santa Fe Township, Clinton C~  
m. 21 June 1941  
p. Old Catholic Church Cathedral, Saint L~  
d. 11 November 1970  
p. Saint Joseph's Hospital, Breese, Breese~



## 1 Bonnie Kathleen (BACH) F.H.C.

b. 28 April 1945  
p. Christian Welfare Hospital, East Saint Louis ~  
m. 14 August 1972  
p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Church, 210~  
d.  
p.  
sp. Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I.



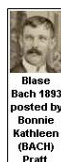
## 3 Enid (LEINER)

b. 7 August 1912  
p. Sparta, Sparta Precinct, Randolph Coun~  
d. 31 July 1991  
p. Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, United ~



## 4 Blase Bach

b. 25 July 1867  
p. near Carlyle Post Office, Township 1 R~  
m. 11 September 1893  
p. Belleville, Belleville Township, Saint Clai~  
d. 13 February 1935  
p. Bartelso, Santa Fe Township, Clinton C~



## 5 Mary Agnes (JOFFRAY)

b. 8 July 1873  
p. Belleville, Belleville Township, Saint Clai~  
d. 10 December 1926  
p. Bartelso, Santa Fe Township, Clinton C~



## 6 Frederic "Fred" Thomas Leiner

b. 16 October 1884  
p. 515 West Broadway, Sparta City, Sparta ~  
m. 6 June 1907  
p. Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, Un~  
d. 26 April 1963  
p. East Saint Louis City, East Saint Louis ~



## 7 Hazelton "Hazel" Marye (DILLARD)

b. 21 September 1885  
p. Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas, Un~  
d. 7 June 1973  
p. Collinsville, Collinsville Township, Madi~



## 8 Blasius Bach

b. 11 March 1825  
p. Achen, Moselle Department, Lorraine, F~  
m. 11 June 1866  
p. Saint Clair, Illinois, United States  
d. 18 June 1876  
p. near Carlyle Post Office, West Clinton ~

## 9 Anna "Annie" Margaret Schwartz

b. 18 June 1829  
p. Alsace-Lorraine, France  
d. 24 January 1893  
p. Bartelso, Santa Fe Township, Clinton C~

## 10 Peter J. Joffray

b. 12 September 1844  
p. Saint Clair, Illinois, United States  
m. 13 August 1866  
p. Belleville, Belleville Township, Saint Clai~  
d. 19 July 1915  
p. Belleville, Belleville Township, Saint Clai~

## 11 Margareth Stark

b. 6 September 1846  
p. Rhein bayern, Westphalia, Germany  
d. 25 June 1929  
p. Belleville, Belleville Township, Saint Clai~

## 12 Frederic "Fred" Leiner

b. 31 July 1851  
p. Hanover, Stadt Hanover, Niedersachsen~  
m. 6 January 1881  
p. New Palestine, Palestine Precinct, Rand~  
d. 5 October 1906  
p. Sparta, Sparta Precinct, Randolph Coun~

## 13 Lorena Belle (TAGGART)

b. 26 May 1864  
p. Randolph County, Illinois, United States  
d. 18 March 1934  
p. East Saint Louis City, East Saint Louis ~

## 14 William Wirt Dillard Sr

b. 10 November 1837  
p. Dillard Plantation, north fork of the Anna~  
m. 10 December 1866  
p. Caroline County, Virginia, United States  
d. 30 May 1905  
p. Osawatomie State Hospital, Osawatomie~

## 15 Margaret "Maggie" Baynham (SPIN~

b. 1846  
p. Rose Cottage, Chesapeake Bay, Caroli~  
d. 26 April 1899  
p. Kimball, Neosho County, Kansas, Unite~



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# A Little Something About Your Author.....

## *Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.



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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

# A Little Something About Your Author.....

After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website [www.openlibrary.org](http://www.openlibrary.org). "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 62 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

**Vital Text Series** This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

**Pratt Archive Collections** This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

**CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE** The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children for one low fee.

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**LITERARY HISTORY SERIES** contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

**VIEW FROM THE MAST...** Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

# A Little Something About Your Author.....

Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

**Genealogical Institute** M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

**Pratt Progenitor Papers Series** This series is comprised of the famous Pratt Progenitor Papers. Starting with a known ancestor, this collection covers 2 or more generations of descendants. Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles. The order of reporting is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2<sup>nd</sup> the primary or husband followed by all known wives, then 3<sup>rd</sup> the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants. The **PPP** are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation offering research insights and suggestions.

**ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF...** This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...  
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
**Genealogical Institute**



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